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FRED W. GOUDERT





What did Buckingham ask Richard?
He wanted the moveables of Hereford.
Honest men never forget their obligations.

What was Richard's fate?
He was slain on Bothworth field.
Be true to those who have been true to you.

"New made honors forget men's names."

Be what you seem to be and nothing more.

Don't be alarmed when dogs bark.

The civil service law will be modified.

It is an impediment to republican principles.

Never get the big head when you are placed in power.

It is a dangerous disease to be effected with.

If you have a good horse keep him.

Never trade while you are on a long journey.

Judge Scott takes things very easy.

He is judge and those who practice before him say so.

Judge Kimball will not be re-appointed.

Commissioner J. W. Ross will return soon.

He a good man and the colored man's friend.

We make a mistake sometimes.

When the government is against you it is best to yield.

In union there is strength.

Perhaps some people will become wise when they know a thing or two.

Don't imagine that you are all powerful simply because you have a little power.

There never was a horse so sure-footed but that he stumbled.

We often fall on smooth ground.

The BEE is the greatest race paper.

It is a bad thing to tattle on your friends.

A deceitful man often betrays his friends.

We often desert those who have befriended us.

Great deeds are seldom performed by a timid man.

A weak man will make many promises.

The artful man will do artful deeds.

Men are false because it is hard for them to be honest.

Be what nature made you.

It is hard for some people to tell the truth.

A great man will not stoop to do small things.

The world is wicked.

Senator Hanna will return to the Senate.

It is wiser to keep your thoughts sometimes.

It is the wise man that knows when to speak.

Strike a blow at the proper time.

Some surprises will go to the Senate next month.

President McKinley has kept his promises with the negro.

He is fearless as well as noble.

Give him credit for what he does.

All men cannot be appointed.

Look out for The BEE next year.

The Cook libel suit will be "weighed in balances and found wanting."

A physician who cannot tell the truth is a bad doctor.

The Police Court lawyers must learn something.

The judgeship is settled and don't forget it.

Disappointments will come to all.



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There are regular Authorized Collectors in the employ of THE BEE Printing Co., and when they call to see delinquent subscribers they are requested to pay them, and not give the excuse that "they will see the Editor." The Editor has no time to see the subscribers, and it is hoped that his friends and the patrons of THE BEE will pay the Collector when he calls.

THE CIVIL SERVICE

From the present indications it seems that quite a number of members in both branches of Congress are very much inclined toward the civil service. Would it not be a fair thing to apply this sham to candidates for the Senate and House of Representatives? We see no reason why it should not apply to candidates for the Presidency and other high official positions. Why should not cabinet officers be compelled to do examples in square root, to enable the people to judge whether they are competent to manage a bureau office? Why should not judges of courts be compelled to take an examination in navigation to see if they are competent to expound the law in a civil as well as criminal cases? Before a man or woman can be appointed to a laborer's position in the Government Printing Office he or she must be able to write grammatically; do multiplication of fractions, and other things to enable the commission to judge whether he or she is competent to tie up a bundle of paper, or to feed a press. This sham should be repealed and at once.

CRIME IN THE DISTRICT.

There seems to be no end to the perpetration of crime in this city. Indeed, there is not a city in the United States where there is as much crime committed as there is in the District of Columbia. The severity of the law doesn't seem to deter wrong doers, and what should be done is a question that should be considered by the authorities.

THE BEE is of the opinion that the substitution of the electric chair in the place of the old time system of hanging would have wonderful effect. The fault is not in our police force, because we have one of the best systems in the country, with but a few exceptions. The great trouble is that we have not enough policemen. Major Moore has recommended time and again an increase in the force, but Congress and others in authority don't seem to push his demand with the vim that is necessary to obtain this increase. Instead of these temperance advocates advocating the abolition of the saloons they should turn their attention to Congress and ask for an increase in the police department. One half of the crime is not due to whisky as these people would have Congress to believe. A man who deliberately commits a crime when he is drunk will do it while he is sober. There is a great deal more crime committed by sober people than there is by those who drink whisky.

Some men have no idea what it costs to run a newspaper. The man who continually wants a free puff is mighty cheeky. Some people have an idea that it is easy matter to print a newspaper.

THE BEE is in favor of appointing all female supervising principals. It is believed that it would be the best interest of the schools. THE BEE makes this suggestion for the consideration of the Board of Trustees.

WHAT WE NEED.

THE BEE has the most implicit confidence in the wisdom of President McKinley and believe that it is the desire of the President to satisfy, as far as possible and consistent with public policy, the great colored population in this city and those who through misfortune, are brought before the Police Court of this city. It is to the interest of the colored people in this city to have a change in the judgeship of the Police Court. We believe that the removal of Judge Kimball will better the condition of our people. It is this class of people who mostly frequent this court and it is no more than right that they should have a man, who are to try them, possessing good judgment and sympathy.

A POPULAR MAN.

The Sixth Auditor of the Treasury Department is a gentleman who has made many promotions of young colored men on their merits. The question of color never enters his mind where a man is deserving and entitled to a promotion. He is one of the most popular men who has ever been in that office.

Gen. George H. Harries very seldom gets worried over resignations.

We published last week a large number of newspaper indorsements of the appointment of Hon. B. K. Bruce as Register of the Treasury. From the thousands that have appeared since that time, our space will only permit us to present a very few. No appointment made by the President has elicited such universal approbation, and given such complete satisfaction to the country at large as this one has done. It is, indeed, a national appointment.

An excerpt from the Paris Daily Beacon of Illinois was through error credited to Ohio, in our last issue.

Some time ago THE BEE contained a communication from Mr. W. E. Bruce, relative to a sermon preached by Rev. Gibbons, of Mt. Carmel Church. Rev. Gibbons, from what THE BEE has learned, was justified in saying what he did on the occasion the sermon was delivered. Rev. Gibbons is a plain, conscientious man, who strikes directly from the shoulder. THE BEE makes this statement in justification of Rev. Gibbons.

The appointment of Capt. Arthur Brooks Major of the First Separate Battalion meets with popular approval.

Arrangements are being made by some of the leading citizens to celebrate January 1st, instead of April 16th, as National Emancipation day.

President McKinley has the sympathy of THE BEE in this, the hour of his bereavement.

The President declined to act. Congress will be compelled to do something with the obnoxious civil service law.

Perhaps the District Commissioners will have a chance to appoint a few colored applicants before their time expire.

It is a bad thing to place small men in office, and especially men who have no official experience.

Perhaps, if the District Commissioners would look around them they would be convinced that a new lieutenant would be acceptable in the place of Lieut. Kelley.

The present Excise Board ought to be abolished.

While President McKinley may be doing his duty in adhering to the civil service law, he is certainly defeating his re-nomination. If the law is not repealed by this Congress you may look for a Democratic Congress.

AN OPEN LETTER TO THE PRESIDENT.

TO THE PRESIDENT:

DEAR SIR:—You are about to appoint a new judge of the Police Court. You will find, Mr. President, fully 80,000 colored people in this city more than grateful if you will appoint a man who is friendly to them. I do not mean a man who will condole or mr. but a man who has heart enough to be merciful, and sense enough to distinguish between the law and the facts in any case that may come before him. I want you to know, Mr. President, that it is my people who have to suffer on account of the ignorance of the man who doesn't know the law. I know there are thousands of your fellow citizens in this city who are more than grateful to you, and are inclined to believe that it is your desire to see that they are fairly treated. Now, Mr. President, there is a class of Christian (?) hypocrites in this city who wear the cloak of Christianity to hide their villany. You must not be fooled by them. They would have you believe that a religious and temperance man ought to be appointed judge of the Police Court. Oh! Mr. President, you have no idea how much rascality is done by these fake Christians; you have no idea what imposters they are. A man who drinks whisky is distasteful in their eye, but when one is brought before the Police Court for stealing, some one of these reformed hypocrites will appeal to the judge to give the thief one more chance.

You have no idea, Mr. President, how some judges will wink at offenses that seem to touch some people. I know, Mr. President, you will not impose such an inflection on the people. I know you will appoint a judge of the Police Court who has the interest of the people at heart, and not one who is forever looking for a conviction, no matter how innocent a person may be.

Take into consideration, Mr. President, what I have said and appoint a man who has sense enough to impartially judge both sides of all cases.

Believe me to be yours truly,
THE EDITOR.

MYERS AND TYLER.

Messrs. George A. Myers and Ralph Tyler are two of the brightest and brainiest young men in the country. The campaign among the Afro-Americans of Ohio at the recent election was planned by these men months before it actually opened and carried forward with vim and intelligence to a glorious consummation. The magnificent work done by these men in 1897 will be repeated on a much larger scale in 1900. They are in national politics to stay and don't you forget it.

SHE WAS EXCUSED.

FOR TAKING WHAT DIDN'T BELONG TO HER.

Mary Frances Jackson a young white woman hailing from Westmoreland County, Va., was detected in the act of helping herself to some Christmas goods in the Palais Royal store Wednesday afternoon, and Mr. Collins, the head floor walker, caused her arrest by Detectives Parham, Gallaher and Boardman. The young woman had been noticed in the store going from counter to counter without making a purchase. The floor walker watched her, and saw her pick up some articles and secret them about her clothing. Miss Pennifill, the matron at the police station, found on her a number of handkerchiefs and several fancy ornaments, as well as some calendars and religious publications made especially for the holiday trade.

This morning when the case was called to the attention of Prosecuting Attorney Mulowny it developed that the young woman had been sick. Dr. Luce, who had attended her, certified to her condition. He said the woman had suffered an attack of the grip and had been unconscious for a time. It was his opinion that her illness was such that she was not responsible for her conduct yesterday. The manager of the Palais Royal did not care to press the charge in consideration of the representations made, and the case was abandoned. Restitution was made by Miss Jackson's friends.

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BRUCE, THE NATIONS CHOICE

[CONTINUED FROM LAST WEEK.]

[From the Tacoma, (Wash.) Ledger.]

Blanche K. Bruce has been appointed to his old position as Register of the Treasury. He is capable and honest, and has given evidence of it by his former record, and his appointment is a fitting recognition to the great mass of colored voters who have always remained faithful to the Republican party.

[From the Savannah, (Ga.) Tribune.]

Hon. B. K. Bruce assumed charge of the office of Register of the Treasury on Monday. He found on his desk a most elegant floral testimonial presented by the employees of the office. The new Register has received the congratulations of host of friends during the week. Telegrams have been received from every State in the Union, felicitating the appointment of Mr. Bruce who was the only colored man considered whose selection by the President would give general satisfaction to the colored Americans.

[From the Tuskegee, (Ala.) Student.]

The President has appointed Hon. B. K. Bruce to the place formerly held by him under the Garfield-Arthur administration—the Registership of the Treasury. Mr. Bruce will give entire satisfaction in the discharge of the duties of this exalted place. He will bring to the office a native dignity and an ability of the most pronounced kind.

[From Pioneer Press, Martinsburg, W. Va.]

The Pioneer Press congratulates Mr. Bruce, because his record has always been kept clean. Mr. B. K. Bruce has been friendly to ye editor and his paper—taking and praising the latter on one occasion, honored the former. It was through Mr. Bruce we were once appointed to a position, and in spite of a combined effort of prejudice, whites, he stood firmly by us. If he has done much in the way of talking or writing legislatively, his example in making friends can be emulated to an advantage. George Washington could not speak, but he could and did, what others failed to do, and so has Mr. Bruce. Let our people bear this in mind, and practice it—the only credentials, passport to success. Open castle and parlor; address! man, address!

[From the Little Rock, (Ark.) Guide.]

The nomination of Hon. Blanche K. Bruce, by President McKinley, to the office of Register of the Treasury, is one of the surest hits of the recognition of worth and ability yet made by President McKinley from the colored contingent. Blanche K. Bruce is the recognized national leader of the negroes of the United States. He is a scholar, a statesman and a natural leader of men. His selection was hailed with joy and delight by the negroes throughout the country.

[From the St. Paul, Minn., and Chicago Appeal.]

President McKinley did the proper thing last week in appointing B. K. Bruce to his old position as Register of the Treasury. We think this is the best appointment he has made and he gave it to the man of all others, who should have received it. We believe that it is as proper to continue to honor an Afro-American as it is to honor a white man. After Douglass, Reed, no one thought it anything but right that Conklin or Blaine should be always to the fore front. President McKinley was thought worthy to be repeatedly elected Governor of Ohio and then made President of the United States. Nothing was too good for him. We should feel just the same way about our representative men. Let them be recognized first and then the small fry afterward. Let them die in the harness, honored and respected by all if worthy—and Bruce has proved himself worthy. After Douglass, Langston, Bruce, Lynch, Hill, Cuney, Pinchback and men of their ilk have passed away will be time enough for younger men to rise and try to fill their shoes. There seems to always be a desire among us to pull down rather than to push up our men who get toward the top. As we said before both McKinley and Bruce are to be congratulated.

[From the Philadelphia, (Pa.) American.]

Next to the late Fred. Douglass Blanche K. Bruce, the recently appointed Register of the United States Treasury is the best-known colored man in the country. He has always taken an active interest in educational matters, and at the time of his appointment he was a member of the Board of School Trustees of the District of Columbia. He is a light mulatto. He and his family move in the best colored circle of society.

[From the Brotherhood, Natchez, Miss.]

HON. B. K. BRUCE.

We doff our hat to our former citizen and statesman for the distinguished honor of being appointed Register of the Treasury. We had the pleasure once of boasting that the name of B. K. Bruce was the only negro that was welcome in the pocket of all races. It offended some of our friends—who would be classed as leaders—yet what we said then is true now. Mr. Bruce has been named for one of the most prominent offices within the gift of the President while some of his chief opponents cheerfully accepts anything they find lying around the counter. The Brotherhood congratulates Hon. B. K. Bruce and the race upon his appointment.

[From the Vidette Post, Gibson, Miss.]

The appointment of Hon. B. K. Bruce as Register of the Treasury, was the most grateful act of the present administration, and one, too, that will receive the hearty approval of every decent republican in the country. We congratulate Mr. Bruce.

Hon. Blanche K. Bruce,
Register of the U. S. Treasury,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir and Friend:

It affords me unalloyed pleasure to congratulate you upon the action of the administration in honoring you and the race through you by appointment to the responsible office of Register of the Treasury, we of Mississippi feel especially honored, because one who has been so closely identified with us, to fill an appointment of such national import.

Yours very truly,
Isiah T. Montgomery.
Ex-member Miss. State Constitutional Convention.

Guthrie, O. T., Dec. 15th 1897.

Hon. B. K. Bruce,
Washington, D. C.

Accept congratulations from the far west especially from an admirer of yours. I express fully the sentiments of Oklahoma when I say that we congratulate the President in such recognition of the race in selecting to fill so worthy and eminent position, of which you are recipient.

Respectfully,
N. J. C. Johnson.
Deputy clerk, Logan County.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 4, '97.

Hon. B. K. Bruce,
Register U. S. Treasury.

My Dear Sir:—If I judge from the kind and complimentary expressions of citizens and officials I must conclude that the President has chosen wisely in his selection of Register, and made a popular appointment as well. But, in addition to what common rumor says, I know for myself you are "the right man in the right place." I congratulate you most heartily, and wish you all possible success in the administration of your important and responsible trust.

Sincerely your friend,
J. T. PETTY.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 3, '97.

Hon. B. K. Bruce,

Dear Sir:—It is with much pleasure that I see the announcement of your reappointment as Register of the U. S. Treasury. A just recognition of your ability and endorsement of services heretofore rendered. I am sure your selection will give general satisfaction, and permit me to extend my humble congratulations and wish you continued health and happiness.

Yours truly,
J. Y. POTTS.

THE GREAT CHARITY BALL.

FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE DOUGLASS HOSPITAL—FINE DISPLAY OF TOILET—DISTINGUISHED GUEST PRESENT.

Special to The Bee.

The first Charity Ball given under the auspices of colored people was held at the Academy of Music last Thursday evening in Philadelphia, Pa., in aid of the Frederick Douglass Memorial Hospital and Training School, of 1312 Lombard street. The ball was socially and financially a success. The gowns worn were, in many cases, handsome, and the entertainment preceding the dancing was of considerable merit. Spectators in the upper galleries outnumbered the dancers, yet there was a profit realized for the benefit of the charity which the funnion was designed to aid.

Until half-past 10 o'clock, when the grand march began, there was success of band music, singing and of recitations. Miss Mary E. Sanders was the soloist, Mr. Paul Laurence Dunbar, the colored poet, recited from his own poems, and the feature was the presentation of Edmonia Lewis' bust of Charles Sumner by Rev. P. O'Connell and its acceptance on behalf of the hospital by Rev. J. P. Sampson. Three tableaux were shown by nurses and physicians of the hospital, and the first of these living pictures showed twelve white robed girls holding aloft tablets on which were painted signs of the zodiac. The other two pictures showed a hospital operating room. Some twenty pupils under Mrs. F. R. Jones were seen in fancy dancing and then the ball began with the march, led by Dr. N. F. Mossell and Miss Mary Sprague, a grand-daughter of Frederick Douglass, Captain A. F. Stevens, Jr., of the Gray Invincibles, and Miss Susie Crowder opened the dancing when Walden's "Dolores" waltz was played.

Captain Stevens was master of ceremonies, the chief floor manager was Mr. Charles H. Brooks. His assistants were Professor J. F. Washington, Professor Charles Taylor, Mr. Henry S. Martin, Professor J. H. Smith, Captain George Anderson, Mr. Clift N. Mosley, Mr. Augustus Capps, Mr. John F. Carter, and Mr. George L. Williams, of this city; Professor Joseph K. Benn, of New York; Professor Dennis B. Sharper, of Wilmington, Del.; Mr. L. Ellsworth Tooley, of Baltimore; and Major C. A. Fleetwood, of Washington, D. C.

The patronesses were Mrs. N. F. Mossell, Mrs. P. A. Dutrieuille, Mrs. Barton Curry, Mrs. Ruth Brinkley, Mrs. Maria A. Johnson, Mrs. Clara Augustine, Mrs. Laura Johnson, Mrs. Indiana Baugh, Mrs. Laura St. Clair, Miss Susie Crowder, Miss Tillie Baptiste and Miss Maud Harding; Mrs. William C. Brown, Mrs. John G. Gladman, Miss Esther A. Spence and Miss Bessie H. Spence, of West Chester; Miss Emma K. White and Mrs. Kate Nugent, of Chester; Mrs. B. J. Carney, Mrs. Julia Songor, Mrs. Charles H. Brooks, Mrs. George Clinton, Mrs. Elizabeth B. Headley, Mrs. Della V. Johnson, Mrs. Minnie Johnson, Mrs. J. B. Taylor, Mrs. C. H. Sandidge, Mrs. Henrietta Capps, Miss Rosie Ford, Miss Maggie Smithers, Miss Mamie Ross, Miss Hattie Taylor, Mrs. E. H. Olds, Miss Rachel Nichols, Miss Maria Davis.

The committee of arrangement consisted of N. F. Mossell, M. D., chairman; Wm. A. Jackson, D. D. S.; Mr. P. A. Dutrieuille, Mr. A. F. Stevens, Sr., Miss Alma G. Summerville and H. M. Milton, Ph. G. Secretary.

Among those present were Mr. A. A. Mossell, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bell, Mr. and Mrs. George Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Flint, Mrs. Frank Curtis, Mr. Lemuel Cowdery, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Gould, Mrs. Mossell and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Johnson, Mr. M. G. Lehman, Mr. H. Kiewson, Super-

intendent of Police R. J. Linden, Mr. and Mrs. William Still, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Herkimer Rosebone, Mr. Joseph Spence, Miss Henrietta Curtis, Miss Lotta Emma Neffrick, Mrs. E. F. Farley, Nickens, Mr. and Mrs. John Brown, and Mrs. S. J. M. Brock, Miss Treva Lee, Miss Ray Purnell, Miss Treva Evans, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Thompson, Gov. Mr. and Mrs. George Williams, Miss Nina Brown, Mr. and Mrs. S. K. Annis, Mr. and Mrs. George Williams, and Mrs. Annie C. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Asbury.

THE BEE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW

If Editor Mitchell is happy.

If \$400 more has been added to Editor Cooper's salary.

If being on the dump is not a nasty job for an editor.

If the civil service law will not be repealed.

If there is not a day of retribution for the ungrateful.

How many nominations will go to the Senate after the holidays.

If Judge Kimball will be re-appointed.

Will the republicans seat Hon. Gen. W. Murray?

When the colored schools will have a decent industrial department.

Will any more unspent appropriations be turned into the treasury.

Will there be a discontinuance of small men being appointed to office.

Will Dr. Purvis ever cease shooting off his mouth.

WHAT THE BEE KNOWS.

There is a big fight for the Police Court judgeship.

Some one at the Police Headquarters will get it in the neck.

C. Maurice Smith is near the District attorneyship.

Col. M. M. Parker can be United States marshal if he wants to.

A new trustee will be appointed in a few days.

We need a new judge in the Police Court.

President McKinley is certainly aware of that.

Some colored lawyers have the head sure.

D. B. McCary of the Capital City Bank, is a business man.

THE BEE WOULD LIKE TO SEE

Honest men appointed to office.

The republican party abolish the civil service sham.

Bishop H. W. Arnett, chaplain of the next House of Representatives.

Robert H. Terrell elevated to a position that commensurate with his merits.

Mrs. Alice Stange-Davis have a uniform system of music in the public schools.

IT IS RUMORED

That Justice O'Donnell will be judge of the Police Court.

A few surprising nominations will go to the Senate.

A new minister to Liberia will be appointed.

Robert H. Terrell will be placed at the head of a big institution shortly.

The Board of Trade will urge larger appropriations for our schools.

Something will drop in the District building soon.

Republicans will have a jubilee.

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BISHOP B. W. ARNETT ENTERTAINED.

REGISTER B. K. BRUCE HAS A DISTINGUISHED AND REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY TO MEET HIM.

The most representative gathering that has ever assembled, at any time during the recollection of social events in this city, was present at the residence of ex-Senator B. K. Bruce, now



Register of the Treasury, on last Thursday evening. Mrs. Bruce and her son, Roscoe, were present and assisted the Senator in doing the honors to the most distinguished Bishop of the Methodist Church.

The menu was arranged and served with artistic taste and after the guests had retired from the feast that had been so carefully prepared, Mr. Bruce introduced the toastmaster, Mr. Robt. H. Terrell, who made a most classic opening after which he introduced Rev. Mr. Jennifer, who responded to the toast, Our Guest.

True leadership: Hon. George H. White of North Carolina. Reconstruction, Ex-Gov. P. B. S. Pinchback. Ohio, Hon. John P. Green. The past, present and future, Recorder, H. P. Cheatham. The Press, Editor W. Calvin Chase. The Black Regiment, Col. James H. Lewis of Louisiana.

The Church, Rev. Walter H. Brooks. The Young Men, Mr. Henry Y. Arnett.

The South, Col. John A. Devaux. The Medical Professor, Dr. C. B. Purvis. The Soldier, Mr. Louis H. Loublass.

Our Duty, Rev. Sterling N. Brown. At the conclusion of the responses



SOCIETY EDITOR THE BEE.

A handsome banner was presented at the Lodge 1605 G. O. U. of O. F. on Wednesday of last week in the hall of the building on M street. The banner, presented by the National Musical Orchestra, was a fine specimen of the art of the painter. It was a reproduction of the famous painting by J. M. W. Turner, "Rain, Steam, and Great Bridge," and was a most beautiful and valuable addition to the collection of the lodge.

SCHOOL NOTES.

Nothing possible is being done to increase the number of scholars for the coming year. In winter the gain in each year is lost by reason of the departure of the majority of these children to keep their children in the city.

The Ambush school gave a very successful concert at Zion Baptist Church last Wednesday night for the benefit of their school fund. The concert was a most successful one, and the proceeds were used for the purchase of new books and supplies for the school.

Miss Julia Grant, principal of Anthon school, gave an afternoon concert at the piano Tuesday in the hall of the building on M street. This concert was a treat to the parents, many of whom have been so busy that this was the first glimpse of the interior of this beautiful building, but to the children it served as a reunion and a stimulus to greater work.

Entertainments were sent out by the grade school, Lincoln for an entertainment last Tuesday night at 626 street S. E.

The other schools have entertainments for the poor fund on foot. The Dent, the polished pastor of the Moriah Baptist church has been quite busy. Three of the couples are members of his church.

Many marriages have been consummated in this section this week and a number are booked for the coming week.

A DENIAL.

All these colored ladies and gentlemen have been concerned—although it is clear to me why it should have been—any of them—I desire to state that Mrs. Fannie E. Smyth has been, to me and to other reliable persons, alleged to have been made a party to certain slanderous attacks upon my character.

Mrs. Mary F. Otey, 1825 Vernon ave.

MR. NEWSOM'S TRIBUTE

TO THE LATE JOHN M. LANGSTON. A SIGNIFICANT REMARK.

About six weeks before his death while sitting in his office, at Langston's Law and Forensic Institute on D street, Mr. Langston made a remark to me which I on recalled after his death, that seemed to indicate that he must have had some premonition of his death, though he was at that time in the best of spirits, and in his usual health, for a man of his years. Said he to me: "I have done a great deal for the colored race during my life, and I certainly think that I ought to get to heaven, if I don't I don't, know whether they have at all times thanked me for what I have done but I have done it. But, sir, I shall not be able to do very much more."

I did not have the opportunity during Mr. Langston's life to know him as intimately as some others, but the impression gained of him from our limited association as a man and a gentleman was one which the lapse of years will never erase from my memory.

Three things stood out pre-eminently in Mr. Langston's character and readily impressed themselves upon all with whom he came in contact. They were, first, his intense Americanism; second, his absolute fearlessness when enlisted in a cause of right; third, his distinctive individuality. These three traits of character had more to do with molding his enviable reputation as a citizen, a leader, and a gentleman than anything else.

As a citizen Mr. Langston was proud of his country, being always ready to defend her reputation and her institutions, condemning that which he thought was wrong, but still jealous of her honor. But it was, perhaps, as a leader that he was most to be admired. In dealing with men Mr. Langston looked far beneath the skin to discover the material of which he was made. If he had a mission to perform a white face did not daunt him any more than did a colored one. All were alike to him.

As an individual Mr. Langston was very proud of himself and gave great estimate to his own actions and opinions. And why should he not, for he was nearly always right? For this trait Mr. Langston has been dubbed an egotist by some of smaller calibre than himself. But this is explained by his strong self-pride of which he had an endless stock.

Mr. Langston was truly a great man—great in thought, great in action, great in all that goes to make the name of man immortal. He was a remarkably successful man. His prowess and influence may be likened unto a great stream as it sweeps along in its irresistible course to the sea feeding, nourishing, vivifying and refreshing everything it touches. One might as well attempt to stay the waters of Niagara with a magic wand as attempt to stay the current of such a stream.

He might succeed in arresting or changing its course by damming it here, levelling it there, and damming it in another place, but surely, and ere long, you will find it overcoming and leaping all impediments and flowing on full and free in its resistless path to the ocean.

And the little fellows who rise up here and there to taint the memory of such a man are but driftwood upon the bosom of this mighty current, which is carried on and on until it is emptied into the immense gulf below. Such was the life and prowess of John M. Langston, till

"Like some grand river, wading towards the sea, He calmly and grandly joined eternity."

THE SPARTA BUFFET.

One, among the few business houses in this city, there is none that has reached a higher standard than the Sparta Buffet, under the management of Messrs. Moore and Prioleau. Within the past month this house has undergone a thorough overhauling and repairing. In the back, a handsome mahogany side-board, has been erected with a large and handsome mirror in the center. On either side of this side-board is filled with the finest domestic and imported wines and whiskeys.

This is a place where ladies and gentlemen can go and be served with the finest in the market. On Saturday, January 1st, beginning early in the morning, special attractions will be seen, and in the evening the formal grand opening will be held. There will be everything the market affords in the way of all kinds of game and beverages of the finest character.

Their first anniversary, as it will be remembered, was attended by the best citizens of Washington.

THE CONGRESSIONAL LYCEUM.

CROWDS VISIT THIS POPULAR INSTITUTION.

The Congressional Lyceum, a new association of young and brainy men held its regular meeting on last Sunday afternoon at Odd Fellows Hall and "Knowledge" was the subject of the very interesting address of Mr. Lucius H. Peterson last Sunday afternoon. The speaker stated that there were four things a knowledge of which was essential to man's progress and success, viz: "A knowledge of God, the creator of all things; a knowledge of one's self; a knowledge of nature; and a knowledge of books." Mr. W. L. Pollard and Dr. A. H. Stevens are among those who took part in the discussion.

The Nineteenth Street Baptist Church choir, Prof. James T. Walker director, rendered a beautiful selection, and Prof. Walker sang a solo in which he fully sustained his well known reputation along this line.

Persons desiring to become permanent members of the Lyceum can do so by enrolling their names with the Recording Secretary Lawyer P. W. Frisby and paying ten cents monthly to aid defraying expenses. Next Sunday at 3 p. m., Dr. J. H. N. Johnson will read a paper and music will be furnished by the junior choir of the Metropolitan A. M. E. Church, Prof. W. W. Orme director.

ALEXANDRIA NEWS.

Wm. A. Carter, Agent and Correspondent of Washington Bee, 627 South Asaph St. (All orders for advertisements, job printing, or news notes will be carefully attended to, if sent to the above address.)

Capt. Daniel W. Chinn died at his residence, 819 Gibbon street, this city, Thursday afternoon, December 16th, in the fifty-first year of his age, after a lingering illness of many weeks.

Richard Hooker says: "Although unexpected death be sudden in itself, nevertheless, in regard of our prepared minds it may not be sudden."

Our departed friend and fellow citizen left upon us the impress of a man who lived, in the evening of his life, as in the presence of his master, and whom death could not find unprepared or afraid to face the momentous change.

"Blessed are the pure in heart."

At the same time he was as brave as he was meek, as firm as he was gentle, and loved his people, to whom he was always loyal. His domestic life was keyed ever to the note of usefulness. His life for many years was a bitter struggle against adverse conditions, but he met it with admirable patience and courage. The measure and need of such a life as his are not to be taken by our short-sighted and superficial standards, which too often mistake conspicuousness for importance, prominence for worth, and popularity for power, but rather by the unerring judgment of the Master who said: "Thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things, to the widows and orphaned children." We as well as the entire community of Alexandria, as well as thousands of friends and admirers who inhabit every state from Maine to California, tender our heartfelt sympathies. The following resolutions were adopted by the Higea Hotel, where he made his last announcement.

Whereas, It has pleased our Heavenly Father, who doth all things well, to remove from our ranks and stage of action our honored and esteemed friend, Mr. D. W. Chinn, whom we have been so pleasantly associated with for many years in the capacity of hotel work, of which he held and so well conducted the responsible position of headwaiter, be it

Resolved, That his death has cast over every department of employment in the Higea Hotel a gloom of sadness, and we realize the fact that in his death, we are deprived of a true friend, whose useful advice, inspiring and noble character we will ever admire and appreciate, be it further

Resolved, That we tender our heartfelt sympathy to his bereaved family in their hour of grief and affliction. May they find solace in the comforting thought that he made peace with his God in time to be made welcome in that haven of rest that fadeth not away.

Resolved, That these resolutions be read at the funeral service by one of the young men who will represent us there, in the persons of Mr. James Seals, Henry Epps and John Williams, as so these resolutions be published in one of the Alexandria papers, and a copy of the same be sent to the family.

Rev. Wm. H. Gains preached a very appropriate sermon from Job, 14 chapter 14 verse. He was assisted by Rev. Alexander Truett, of the First Baptist Church, and Rev. Sidney of Leesburg, Va. Prof. P. H. Lumpkins, with his choir, furnished some very appropriate music, and it may be safely said that seldom, if ever there was a more solemn occasion in Alexandria on a similar nature. The floral tributes were numerous, handsome and expressive from the friends of Mr. Charles Chinn, the son of the deceased, of Providence, R. I., Mr. James W. Jones, of Washington, D. C.; Mr. and Mrs. Williams, of Bailey's Cross-road. The waiters of Higea Hotel, Messrs. E. L. Dangerfield, W. H. Sadler, Mrs. Johnson and daughter, of Stratford, Conn.; Mrs. Gaskins and Mr. J. Johnson, of Manassas, Va., also a handsome wreath from F. N. and A. C. Pike, of the Higea Hotel. All that was mortal of Daniel Chinn was born to the grave by six active pall-bearers from the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows and P. G. M. S. Council of the same order.

Christmas, the old story which has brought gladness into our homes these many years may it bring the same now. Why not? The good tidings of great joy were not for the shepherd boy alone, for all people, for on this day is born a Savior, Christ the Lord. And the Savior on this day was but a babe, they would find him in Bethlehem. Found since on many a Christmas morning, yea, on many other mornings this same Jesus, being born in the heart. If not always with the brightness of weakness and gentleness and joy, yet in the deeper consciousness of right willing and right doing. What Christmas teaches brings heaven and earth nearer.

Mr. Robert L. Mitchell was in the city Saturday looking very well.

Mrs. Carrie Madden, of Washington, D. C., paid the old town a visit Sunday.

Miss Ellen Tancil is home, after a stay of several weeks in Washington, D. C.

It is said that there were more Odd Fellows out Sunday than has been to a funeral in a body for many years.

Mr. J. B. Markwood and Mr. William Humphries, of Washington, D. C. and also Mr. Wm. Ford were in the city Sunday.

DEATH OF REV. W. W. BROWN.

A NOTED REPRESENTATIVE PASSES AWAY.

The funeral services over the remains of the Rev. W. W. Brown of Richmond, Va., who died in this city Monday morning, at No. 2114 Pennsylvania avenue, were held Tuesday morning at the Metropolitan A. M. E. Church, on M street. The Rev. Mr. Brown was the founder and president of the Order of True Reformers and president of the Reformers' Saving Bank, which he established in Richmond in 1882.

The service in the absence of the Rev. J. A. Johnson, pastor of the Metropolitan Church, was conducted by the Rev. W. H. Hunter, of Richmond, Va., presiding elder of the district. In the chancel, assisting, were: Rev. W. H. Hunter, D. D., of Richmond; Rev. J. Anderson Taylor, Shiloh Church; Rev. L. L. Thomas, D. D., of Asbury M. E. Rev. E. D. Wiseman; Rev. W. H. Brooks, Nineteenth Street Baptist; Rev. James H. Lee, Third Baptist; Rev. W. J. Howard, Zion Baptist, and others.

The grand officers of the order present were: S. W. Rutherford, department general Northern Grand Division; R. T. Hill, cashier of the True Reformers' Bank; Rev. J. T. Carpenter, business manager of the bank; W. B. Jones, G. W. S., of the Grand Fountain; Dr. W. H. Scott, J. W. Brownson, Mrs. F. H. James, and Mrs. Julia Mason Layton.

The remains were escorted from No. 2114 Pennsylvania avenue to the church by the Capital City Band.

At the close of the service resolutions of sympathy and regret were read by Mrs. Julia Mason Layton, worthy secretary of Jerusalem Fountain No. 164.

The pallbearers were W. A. Bowie, George R. Garnett, E. R. Washington, Philip Louis, Harry Washington, Luster Winslow and George V. Simms.

The body remained in the church until 3 o'clock Monday afternoon, when it was removed to Richmond, Va., for interment.

MURDERED FOR HIS MONEY.

A PROBABLE CLUE TO THE MURDERERS.

What appears to be a murder was probably committed last Tuesday night near Deanwood.

Wednesday morning the dead body of William Lazenberry, colored, was found in a culvert near the railroad in the vicinity of Deanwood.

There was a deep, clean cut on the back of the man's head. It looked as if inflicted by some sharp instrument and undoubtedly caused almost instant death.

Just how the man met with this injury is unknown. It is certain he was not struck by a train. The position of the body was face downward, and signs of a struggle were visible on the ground.

An engineer coming in on the 9 o'clock train from Baltimore was the first to see the body. When the train stopped at Deanwood he informed Mounted Officer Jack Boland, who notified the Ninth precinct police station. A patrol wagon was sent to the police and the body brought to the morgue. Coroner Carr was notified, and, after an investigation at 2 o'clock.

Morgue Master Schoenberger searched the dead man's clothes and found numerous receipts made out to William Lazenberry. Other papers discovered showed that Lazenberry was the man's name, and that he is a prominent member of Columbia Lodge No. 1376, of Odd Fellows.

He was also treasurer of the committee which has in charge the collection of funds for the purpose of erecting a hall for the Colored Lodge of Odd Fellows in Georgetown. Associated on this committee are Ralph Lee, a lawyer on 14th street, between F and G streets northwest, and James L. Turner, at 3,000 M street northwest.

Maurice Honesty, secretary of Columbia Lodge, stated that Lazenberry last Tuesday night attended a meeting on Twenty-eighth street, between O and P streets northwest. He left the hall in time to catch the 10:45 train to Deanwood, and did not collect the money from the members, as is his custom, he being treasurer of the association.

Lazenberry was about forty years old, said Mr. Honesty. "He never drank liquor, and I cannot account for his death. He has been going back and forth to Deanwood for seven or eight years. He was employed as a laborer at the Naval Observatory, and besides being treasurer of Columbia Lodge, was an officer in several other associations."

The place where the body was found is near a railroad trestle, and one theory advanced is that Lazenberry stepped from the train while passing the place, and fell into the culvert below.

The detective office is on the lookout and will no doubt be in possession of some important clues that will lead to the arrest of the perpetrators of this cowardly murder.

CHRISTMAS IS COMING.

Written for The Bee.

Christmas is coming, hurrah! Christmas is coming, hurrah! Shop windows are bright To the children's delight, For Christmas is coming, hurrah.

But the orphan and poor in the cold, In misery plenty behold, Like the mother of God, Who the stable floor trod, While Bethlehem glittered with gold.

Christmas is coming, hurrah, Christmas is coming, hurrah! Then out of your store, Feed the poor at the door, Then angels for you will hurrah. Irene Ackerman, New York City.

If you are broke after pay day and cannot make your best girl a present, you want to go to either of the two best known loan offices in this city. There are no two place like Fulton and Bunstone. See their cards in this paper.

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Lucas Barber Shop, C. E. R. ch, Agent, 1805 L street, n. w.

J. T. Smothers, 1827 T st. n. w.

Dr. H. Beller, Druggist, corner, 16th and M streets n. w.

L. H. Harris' Drug Store, Third and F streets s. w.

W. H. Horsemann, 501 D street n. w.

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Now that the holidays are approaching you should not fail to have your hair attended to. Pretty girls call for pretty looks. Call at the hair salon.

Ladies do not whistle in nor out of company. It shows a lack of respect.

Never employ yourself to displease others. It is better to find fault with your own than one of your neighbor's.

People who are faultless are usually annoyed by the defects of others. Watch the person who is always listening to ascertain other people's faults.

Freting is a habit. He who never heals nor repairs.

A man who will make a bridge for his friend and then walk over him is too ambitious to succeed.

There is nothing so beautiful as the household in which Christian love smiles. If the young man and woman you should impress upon them the importance of becoming a Christian. If you cannot reform him before marriage it is doubtful that you will succeed afterwards.

He who thinks himself the greatest person is really so but he thinks himself the wisest usually is a fool.

Do not approve of any woman being so kind and helpful to the man who toils for her every comfort at home. The man that much of a man's energy, time and happiness, depends upon the character of his home.

Plutarch says, "Courage is not in hazardous without fear, but being resolute in a just cause."

Exaggeration or false coloring is a violation of integrity as much as a lie.

Manners are different but politeness is the same the world over. A person finds it very hard to be polite.

Every household has a sunbeam and who not you remember the beginning of the New Year? Remember, and be that member. We are happy we can make it so.

An ungrateful man is everywhere. Be thankful of small things. Remember not the day of small doings.

Now that the holidays are here, let each one of my girls will remember their parents in the holidays and let the outsiders come to them. Remember that mother and father are your best friends.

A pretty grenadine undergarment with a bright shade of becoming and draped daintily with ribbons and children's hair will make an appropriate receiving toilet.

Slippers to match the bright dress, an evening dress are more in vogue than black or white for evening wear.

Velvet and lace are seen as coming on the most fashionable winter costumes.

While all colors and kinds of birds are to be seen on hats, ostrich feathers are in the lead.

Don't ill-treat a person with whom you may need his services.

It is well known for an ungrateful person to succeed. Appreciate small things if you want to be the possessor of greater things.

It is well that all people are of the same opinion, if so I am sure we would be socially ostracized. We would show a lack of culture and refinement.

It would be well for some people to remember that common sense is far better than education or to be book-worms.

To abuse a person and then associate with him shows a fault with yourself.

You are entirely too covered. Because you can not succeed in anything without an escort. You should not think all girls are false who are seen in company with a young man.

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SECRET ORDERS.

EDITORIAL SYNOPSIS.

On June 24th there will be a general gathering of Shriners and Scottish Rites in Alexandria. There will be a grand street parade and banquet. Boys in Washington and Philadelphia take notice.

On Tuesday, December 21st, Brother Madison Veile, of Fr. Harrison, Mont., member of Military Lodge No. 153, Missouri Jurisdiction, died. The deceased was buried by Hiram Abiff Lodge No. 3, of Washington, D. C.

Jerusalem Lodge No. 2, F. A. A. A. Y. Rite, of Washington, D. C., elected the following officers for 1898: B. H. Harris, W. M.; E. Crusinberry, S. W.; A. Johnson, J. W.; Rev. Peter Lucas, Treasury; John H. Minor, Secretary.

Harmony Lodge No. 2, F. and A. A. Y. M., of Michigan, dedicated its elegant new lodge rooms at 64 Canal street last week. There were one hundred and fifty Masons and their families present. Brother George Jacobs presented the lodge room to the order and Worshipful Master John A. Bell accepted in the name of the lodge. Brother Joseph N. Jenkins surrendered the work. Harmony lodge rooms are the most handsomely fitted up of any colored Masonic lodge in the country. The rooms have been renovated at the cost of \$300. Fine carpets covers the floor and elegant paper, decorated with the emblems of the order, embellishes the walls. The following are the officers: W. M., John A. Bell; S. W., Joseph N. Jenkins; J. W., Harry Brown; Treasurer, James Mc onnell; Secretary, George Alexander; Chaplain, Thomas Forbs; S. D., John Moore; J. D., Henderson Nelson; Stewards, William Ramsay, Robert Bowman; Tyler, Geo. Davis.

On Sunday, December 19th, Inspector Generals, Ike Holland and John T. Bird, and other Nobles of the Quaker City paid a fraternal visit to the Shriners at their Mosque. The delegation were entertained at the residence of Grand Inspector General E. W. Shields where a Zem-Zem had been prepared for the occasion. After the goat skins had been emptied the Nobles and Princes entered the Mosque where a reception was held.

We have to laugh when we hear some of our distinguished brethren talk about bogus and clandestine Masons. The word bogus means swindlers. The word clandestine means fraudulent and deception. Now every one knows that incorporative bodies, working under the law, are not spurious, especially when such bodies bolt from the so-called legitimate (to hear them tell it) who bolted on the jump from the mother grand lodge in 1871. Do not start us please; we are busy filling out our ranks. Our advice to the craftsmen is to go slow on the word bogus, because some one may have trouble. We could tell lots if we were writing a book.

COURT NEWS.

Cordelia Leftwich, through her attorney, Perri W. Frisby, today filed a suit for divorce from Sidney Leftwich on the grounds of cruelty and habitual drunkenness. The parties were married in Greensboro, N. C., August 23, 1882 and had issue, to wit: Lillian Leftwich, Willie Leftwich and Bettie Leftwich.

NOT A LEGAL MARRIAGE.

CEREMONY PERFORMED BY ARMY CHAPLAIN DECIDED TO BE INVALID.

Chief Justice Bingham, in Criminal Court, No. 1, a few days ago made a ruling of more than passing interest, when he directed the jury, in the case of Edmund Spiver, colored, charged with bigamy, to return a verdict of not guilty, and discharged the defendant from custody.

The prosecuting witness was Anna Spiver, an old colored woman. It seems that long before the war, Anna, when a slave, was married to a slave named Mitchell. The latter was sent away with a chain gang, and three weeks later Anna was informed that he had jumped into and was drowned. She was sent to New Orleans, and lived there twelve years. December 28, 1864, she was married by an Army Chaplain to Spiver. They came to Washington prior to the close of the war and lived together until last February, accumulating some property. Spiver announced in February that he was not legally married to Anna, and thereupon married a young girl named Ella Davis. Anna caused his arrest on a warrant for bigamy, and after a hearing in the Police Court, Judge Kimball certified the case to the Grand Jury.

The attorneys for the defense, Messrs. Campbell, Arrington, Fountain Payton and Perri W. Frisby, claimed that the ceremony performed by the army chaplain did not constitute a legal marriage under the laws of Louisiana.

The District attorney held that, under the act of 1866, colored people in the District of Columbia, who at the time of their actual emancipation were living together as husband and wife, were considered married. The reply to this proposition by the defense was the contention that the proclamation of President Lincoln in 1863 freed Spiver and Anna at that time, and therefore, the act of 1866 did not apply to them. Chief Justice Bingham disposed of the matter on the question of the alleged married of the parties in Louisiana by a chaplain connected with the Union Army.

All the testimony presented on that point was an alleged marriage certificate, bearing the alleged signature of the chaplain, but showing no signature of the witnesses. "Whatever the moral obligations of this defendant may be, the court said, 'we cannot hold him on a criminal charge, unless the proof meets the legal requirements of the law. The court holds that there is a lack of proof of a legal marriage in Louisiana and under the laws of Louisiana.

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